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ABSTRACT

Intended to help parents with the dilemma of how to wade through the video deluge, this guide provides complete and informative reviews of the best videos for youngsters of all ages. Each listing includes the company that produced the video, the video's running time and recommended viewing age, as well as a synopsis and critical commentary. All of the over 450 titles are arranged by the following categories for quick reference: Animation; Book-based; Educational; Family Topics; Folk and Fairy Tales; Holidays; Instructional; and Music. Those videos the guide considers the best are awarded a "gold star." The guide also lists the best first videos for toddlers, the best sing-along videos, videos to prepare for the first day of school, and the best names to look for in "kidvid"--those companies that consistently produce excellence. The guide's criteria were that, in addition to meeting certain production standards, videos had to entertain both the reviewer and the kids themselves. A "how-to-use-this-book" section opens the guide. (NKA)

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